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SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN FOREIGN MINISTER RETURNS FROM UN SSOD

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1. UPON RETURN FROM UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL SESSION ON  
DISARMAMENT (SSOD) JUNE 10, ETHIOPIAN FONMIN FELEKE  
GAVE BRIEF STATEMENT TO PRESS ABOUT ETHIOPIA'S PARTICI-  
PATION AT SSOD. HE CLAIMED SSOD DEBATE WAS DIVIDED  
AMONG SOCIALIST, PROGRESSIVE AND PEACE-LOVING COUNTRIES  
WHO SOUGHT GENUINE DISARMAMENT AND IMPERIALISTS AND RE-  
ACTIONARY COUNTRIES WHO MAINTAINED OPPOSITE VIEW. HE  
STATED ETHIOPIA BELIEVED GENUINE DISARMAMENT COULD BE  
AFFECTED, ONLY IF CAUSES OF INVASION AND WAR WERE DEALT  
WITH EFFECTIVELY. FELEKE SAID HE HAD URGED UN ASSEMBLY  
TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE TERRITORIAL AMBITIONS,  
RACISM, EXPLOITATION AND OPPRESSION. HE ESPECIALLY  
TOOK NOTE OF SOMALIA'S EXPANSIONIST POLICY WHICH  
HAD CREATED SERIOUS SITUATION IN HORN OF AFRICA.

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2. FELEKE ALSO REMARKED THAT HE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO  
EXPLAIN PROCESS AND PROGRESS OF ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION  
TO VARIOUS DELEGATIONS AT UN. HE SAID HE WAS ALSO  
ABLE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH "PROGRESSIVE AND PEACE-  
LOVING FORCES IN THE UNITED STATES" AS WELL AS ETHIO-  
PIANS WORKING AT UN. (MEETNGS WITH US OFFICIALS IN  
NY HAVE NOT OTHERWISE BEEN MENTIONED IN ETHIOPIAN

MEDIA, NOT EVEN MEETING WITH SECRETARY VANCE.)

3. FELEKE REFRAINED FROM ANY MENTION OF US OR NATO IN HIS ARRIVAL REMARKS AND CONFINED HIMSELF TO "SAFE" SUBJECTS WHICH PREDICTABLY WOULD NOT HAVE CHANGED DURING HIS 3-WEEK ABSENCE FROM FREQUENTLY MERCURIAL INTERNAL POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT. COMMENTS ON EXCHANGE OF VIEWS IN US ARE AMBIGUOUS ENOUGH SO THAT THEY COULD FIT VARIETY OF CIRCUMSTANCES, INCLUDING FELEKE MEETING WITH GROMYKO IN NY, WHICH WAS RESPORTED PREVIOUSLY IN ETHIOPIAN MEDIA.

4. AS OF MIDDAY JUNE 12, FELEKE HAD STILL NOT BRIEFED HIS INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS STAFF ON HIS ATTENDANCE AT THE SSOD.  
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